



# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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## Another Wet Week Slows Some Harvesting

### General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 3.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 22, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 1.65 inches in Muscle Shoals to 3.87 inches in Huntsville. Average mean temperatures ranged from 53.6°F in Muscle Shoals to 61.9°F in Mobile.

### Comments

The harvest is just about complete. Some wheat has been planted. Fields are wet from the rain last week but maybe we will get the rest of the wheat planted by the end of the week.-**Tim Malone, FSA CED, Marion and Winston Counties.**

Fieldwork was slowed somewhat due to a wet start to the week in some places.-**Henry Dorough, REA, Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties.**

Most of our crops have been harvested, but there are a few that have combines sitting in fields waiting for enough dry days to harvest crops.-**Carol Gay, FSA CED, Clay and Randolph Counties.**

Good rain event. Hay still being cut. Warm weather is allowing cattle to graze a little longer saving hay supplies. Changes are coming next week.-**Charles Simon, CEC, Covington County.**

Rain and more rain has left farmers a less than desirable crop to harvest. Wet fields mean lower grades and lower yields if and when harvesting does continue.-**Willie Durr, CEC, Houston County.**

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/22/15

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening .....	100	98	100	100
Cotton - Harvested .....	81	75	87	88
Peanuts - Harvested.....	82	81	95	93
Soybeans - Harvested.....	87	79	94	91
Winter Wheat - Planted ....	74	54	73	68
Winter Wheat - Emerged..	50	34	55	46

### Crop Condition for Week Ending 11/22/15

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	0	4	28	62	6
Pasture and range.....	2	18	44	35	1
Winter Wheat .....	0	4	13	83	0

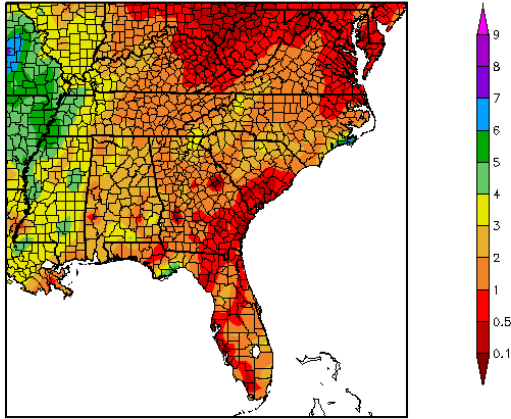
### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/22/15

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	1	1	14
Short .....	5	9	34
Adequate.....	71	70	49
Surplus.....	23	20	3
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	1	2	NA
Short .....	8	11	NA
Adequate.....	70	76	NA
Surplus.....	21	11	NA

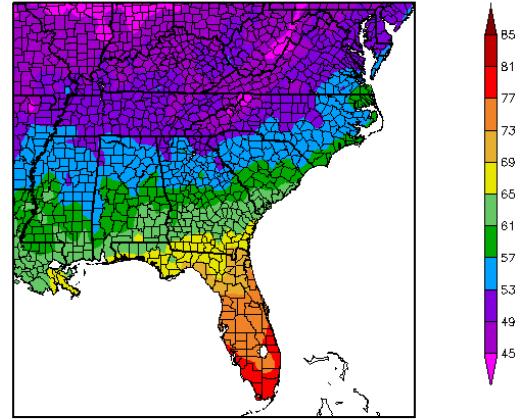
# Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/>

Precipitation (in)  
11/16/2015 - 11/22/2015



Temperature (F)  
11/16/2015 - 11/22/2015



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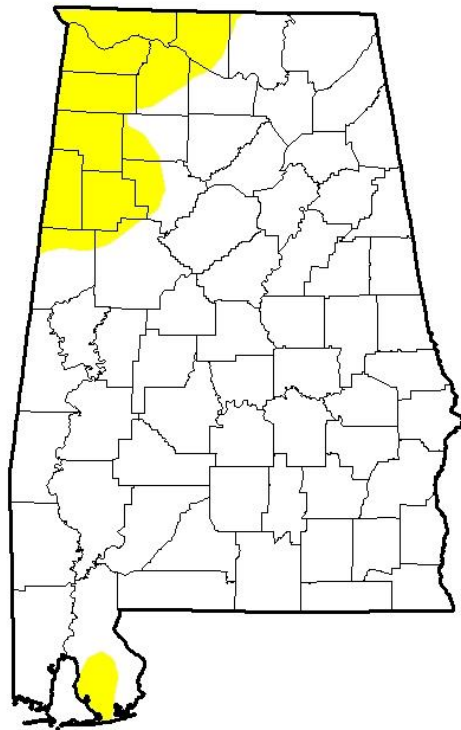
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## U.S. Drought Monitor, November 17, 2015

National Weather Service

<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

### U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



### November 17, 2015

(Released Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015)

Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	87.51	12.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>11/10/2015</i>	91.28	8.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>8/18/2015</i>	46.11	53.89	10.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12/02/2014</i>	62.49	37.51	3.77	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>9/29/2015</i>	37.12	62.88	4.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>11/19/2014</i>	35.41	64.59	12.84	1.58	0.00	0.00

*Intensity:*

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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